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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing below of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A loader for agricultural tractors equipped with hydraulically maneuverable, parallel lifting arms which are pivotally mounted at the rear part of the tractor together with a center attachment member between the lifting arms, said loader comprising: two parallel loader arms including means for attachment of the loader arms to respective tractor-mounted lifting arms to extend rearwardly ~~in a generally longitudinal direction~~ relative to the tractor; a hydraulically extendable center rod including an inner end for connection with the center attachment member and that extends outwardly from the center attachment member ~~substantially parallel with the lifting arms~~ toward a working implement; wherein outer ends of respective loader arms and an outer end of the center rod are adapted for connection to a the working implement, whereby the working implement is lifted by the loader arms and is tilted by the hydraulically extendable center rod.

Claim 2 (previously presented): A loader according to Claim 1, wherein the loader arms are inclined upwards in a region outwardly of and close to an outer end of a respective lifting arm.

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Claim 3 (previously presented): A loader according to Claim 1, wherein respective loader arm outer ends and the outer end of the center rod include attachment means for attachment to a working implement.

Claim 4 (previously presented): A loader according to Claim 3, wherein the inclination of the loader arms relative to the lifter arms is adjustable.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A loader according to Claim 3, wherein the connecting means included at the outer ends of respective loader arms include a pivot adapted to pivotally support the working implement; and wherein at the outer end of the center rod is a pivot joint adapted for pivotal connection to the working implement.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A loader according to Claim 1, wherein the center rod includes along its length ~~an~~ a hydraulic piston-cylinder device which functions to change the length of the center rod.

Claim 7 (previously presented): A loader according to Claim 1, including spaced attachment points at the outer end of the center rod for co-action with one of an attachment arm and the working implement, wherein the attachment points are spaced at mutually different distances from the inner end of said center rod.

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Claim 8 (previously presented): A loader according to Claim 1, wherein inner ends of respective loader arms are secured to a respective lifting arm by means of one of cotter pins and split pins; and wherein respective loader arms extend below respective lifting arms and abut an underside of a respective lifting arm.